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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, POST HAS MADE TWO PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO SECURE APPOINTMENT FOR FORMER GOVERNOR OF OHIO RHODES WITH VW CHIEF LEIDING OR OTHER TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS AT VW (SEE REFS C AND E). NEITHER ATTEMPT WAS SUCCESSFUL DUE TO TIMING AND TO CONFLICTING APPOINTMENTS VW HAD ARRANGED WITH ANOTHER OHIO DELEGATION REPRESENTING, INTER ALIA, THE PRESENT GOVERNOR.

2. CONSULATE AGAIN CONTACTED VW ON AUGUST 15 AND AUGUST 19. WE ARE INFORMED BY DR. GUENTHER FLUES, HEAD OF U.S. MARKET FOR VOLKSWAGEN, THAT MANAGEMENT OF VW FEELS MORAL OBLIGATION TO FULFILL PRESENT GOVERNOR OF OHIO'S REQUEST FOR A PERSONAL APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH OTHER GROUPS FROM OHIO, INCLUDING THAT OF FORMER GOVERNOR RHODES. FLUES FURTHER ADVISES THAT DATE FOR APPOINTMENT WITH PRESENT GOVERNOR IS IN SUSPENSE AND PROBABLY WILL BE FULFILLED BY AN OCTOBER MEETING IN OHIO WITH HERR MUENZNER, VW'S DIRECTOR OF SALES, RATHER THAN WITH VW CHIEF LEIDING.BROGAN

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